



## MEMBER QUOTES

### Governor's Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment, and Prevention

► **Judge Mary Beth Bonaventura, Director of Indiana Department of Child Services**

"I can think of nothing more important than the creation of a statewide task force to examine and address the underlying causes and successful treatment of drug abuse, which has resulted in the destruction of families all across this great state.

"Babies ought to be born without illicit drugs in their systems. Children deserve to live in homes that are safe and free of drugs being used, bought, sold, or manufactured in the next room; with parents who are drug free and able to safely and lovingly raise their children."

► **Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of Indiana State Health Department**

"As we have seen in Scott County alone, the results of the opioid epidemic are tragic and costly in human and financial terms. If we don't address this issue head on, we will see more similar situations unfold."

► **Bruce Lemmon, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction**

"Over 80 percent of the people sent to prison arrive with some history of addiction. Unfortunately in some cases it takes prison confinement, or the threat of confinement, to motivate people to take their addiction seriously, to seek help, participate in treatment, and sober up so that other rehabilitative programs and treatments can be effective. With effective treatment and support, an addicted person can find the strength they'll need to avoid becoming a repeat and serious offender."

► **John J. Wernert, M.D., Secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration**

"I am honored and eager to accept the governor's appointment to help lead this effort toward achieving a meaningful reduction in drug addiction and chemical dependency in Indiana. FSSA will bring all available resources to bear in supporting a statewide, integrated and recovery-oriented treatment system. Our provider network will be essential in this effort."